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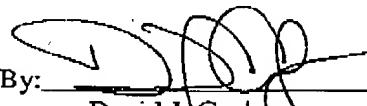
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the remarks and analysis contained in the most recent Office Action. Claims 16, 18, 19, 20 and 21 have been amended above. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection based on Mcssersmith. That document discloses an arrangement where a solenoid 30 is part of a valve that controls pressure within the brake actuator for applying or releasing the brake. The solenoid only opens or closes the pressure lines and does not engage the spring 20 or the piston 21 of that reference. Only the pressure causes compression of the spring 20. Applicants' claims, on the other hand, include an electric actuator that engages the spring. Therefore, there is no anticipation.

Applicant respectfully requests a notice of allowance as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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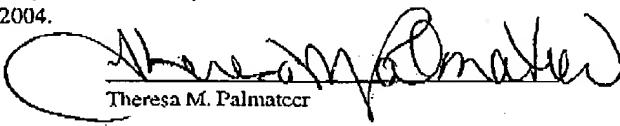
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